

Priority # 2: Affordable Dental Care

Priority: Mission/Vision Statement: All Frederick County residents will be able to locate and access a local oral health professional who will see them in a timely manner. An integrated partnership of general health and oral health professionals and private, nonprofit, and government organizations will provide a seamless system of oral health care.

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Goal 1: Ensure continuously accessible, coordinated, affordable and effective oral health care, including emergency and preventative care for all Frederick County residents through an integrated local oral and general health care system.

Objectives	Key Actions	Recommended Person(s) Responsible	Completed by When?
Dental			
Objective 1: Add or expand safety net dental programs, to include emergency and preventative care programs that serve individuals, with emphasis on vulnerable populations, in clinical and non-clinical settings.	1. Recruit a member of the Frederick County Dental Society to serve as an active member of this group	Brian Scott, Rel. Coalition	December 1, 2011
	2. Identify three best practice models from comparable jurisdictions.	Leigh Joos	February 28, 2012
	3. Establish an accurate baseline of need for preventative and emergency dental care for Frederick County residents	Harry Grandinett, FMH Brian Scott, Rel. Coalition David Liddle, MoM Monica Grant, FCHD	March 31, 2012
	4. Survey area dentists to determine who provides services to the underinsured and uninsured	Tina VonGunten, FCHD Monica Grant, FCHD (Potential Intern Project)	April 30, 2012
Objective 2: Enhance individuals' ability to navigate the oral health system			

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Goal 2: Enhance individuals' awareness of the relationship between oral health and general health and wellness to empower them to adopt good oral health behaviors supported by evidence based practice.

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Objective 1: Implement an oral health literacy and education campaign for the public with health professionals providing accurate, consistent, and tailored messages promoting oral health.			
Objective 2: Increase education on promoting oral health and preventing oral disease and injury for staff working in community settings, including, for example, early childhood settings, programs for people with special healthcare needs, and programs for older adults.			
Objective 3: Promote the public's oral health through advocacy efforts.			